**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 9**

**“HOME SWEET HOME – PREPARING YOURSELF”**

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| **You have until** *'insert date to be completed here'* **to complete this programme.. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your Patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cell phone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group and a stop watch * Paper and a writing implement * Your personal journal |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme. In this programme, the PL MUST set out who is doing what topic for the “Global Community” section.** |

Shortly after escaping your island prison you and your patrol members were picked up by a freighter and a few days later found yourselves back in South Africa. You scarcely recognise the place though. When you left people were still going to restaurants, cinemas and school. All that has stopped and you and your patrol are now all under a mandatory government quarantine in a hotel in case you are infected. After all your efforts to get home you still can’t see your parents and you aren’t even allowed contact with the rest of your patrol who have been quarantined with you!

**INSPECTION:**

You realise that South Africa and the rest of the world are in deep trouble. As a kid you are limited in what you can do to help but as a scout you can make sure you keep to the scout motto and “Be Prepared”. There are going to be a lot of sick people out there who may need assistance.

**This covers part of Item 2i of the Safety Awareness Theme of the Traveller Badge. See page 114 of “My Scout Journey” for more information on contacting the emergency services.**

See how many emergency services numbers for South Africa you can remember. No cheating! On your Honour, don’t look them up or look at the answers that other members of your patrol may have posted. Once you have written down all the numbers that you can, post them on your group.

You can then look at the other numbers, if there are ones that you didn’t remember learn them by heart.

**GAME:**

One of your patrol members has come up with a way to distract you during your quarantine and has drawn pictures of various countries (or things that he thinks are countries). Can you figure out which country he has drawn? Post your guesses on your Patrol Group.

The answers will be given in next week’s programme.

**SAFETY FIRST:**

Your patrol has been discussing the pandemic and trying to work out how to they can make a difference. While you are under quarantine your options are limited, but you realise that by “being prepared” you can make a difference in the weeks to come once you are out of the hotel.

**This will cover part of Item 2iv of the Safety Awareness Theme of the Traveller Badge. See pages 116 to 118 of “My Scout Journey” for more information. You may also be interested in the Firefighter Interest Badge, the requirements of which can be found at** <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Fire_Fighter_Scout_Interest_Badge>.

**If you have not completed the “Safety Awareness” theme of your Traveller Badge** prepare yourself for fire fighting. As people run out of money they are going to have to cook on open fires instead of using gas or electicity – put together a short video (5 minutes max) on the dangers of fires and how they spread and how to extinguish fires properly and post it on your WhatsApp Group OR make a poster covering these items and post a picture of it on your patrol WhatsApp Group. The poster should be suitable for use in an informal settlement to train the inhabitants about fire safety when using open flames. If possible see if you can get the poster distributed in an informal settlement, maybe via social media or in a local newspaper? If you get that right, post details of how you did it and earn bonus points for your patrol.

**If you have completed the “Safety Awareness” theme of your Traveller Badge but have not completed the “Safety Awareness” theme of the Discoverer Badge** prepare yourself to keep your family safe. Because you are spending more time at home, accidents at home are more likely and you can only help others if you yourself are safe.

**This will cover all of item 1 of the Safety Awareness Theme of the Discoverer Badge. See page 125 of “My Scout Journey” for more information.**

Prepare a safety checklist of your house and post it on your patrol WhatsApp group. Your scouter will check the list and, once satisfied you should use the list to inspect your home. Make a note of what you found to be unsafe and, within the constraints of your ability and finances, fix the problems you have found. Post a short report on what you found and what you fixed on your patrol WhatsApp Group.

**If you have completed the “Safety Awareness” theme of your Discoverer Badge** prepare yourself against crime. Many people have lost jobs and income due to the pandemic and may have no choice but to turn to crime in order to survive. Research one of these topics and, after checking with your TS, run a fun online activity with your patrol to train them how to deal with the situation you choose with as little risk as possible.

**This will cover Item 1i of the “Safety Awareness” Theme of the First Class Badge.**

The topics are:



* A hijacking;
* A home intrusion;
* A gang battle;
* An armed robbery;
* Any other similar topic approved by your TS.

Your fun activity should be ready with enough time for your patrol to take part before Friday 22 May 2020, and can take any form. Consider including games, discussions on platforms like Zoom or Teams, role plays or training videos. MAKE IT FUN!

**PREPARING YOUR PATROL:**

The Pandemic poses a risk to scouting in that “normal” scouting can no longer take place, but it also offers plenty of opportunities. There are plenty of potential scouts sitting at home with very little to do who you could maybe recruit during the lockdown.

As a patrol (ideally the PL should drive this discussion, but anyone can) come up with a fun activity that your patrol can run next week that you think will appeal to potential recruits. As a patrol decide on the activity you are going to run. You will be running this fun activity as part of next week’s programme and will hopefully use it to try and recruit members into your patrol.

**BLOGS:**

By now you know the story with updating your patrol blogs and personal diary. Bonus points will be awarded to patrols who continue to update their patrol blogs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.A close up of a purple blanket

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